

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 598
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ryan Douglas
Blankenship, 2005 Salutatorian of Millington
Central High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Douglas Blankenship is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2005 graduating class at Millington Central High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ryan Blankenship has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Blankenship earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average, garnered two Legion Scholastic Excellence Awards, was twice listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, earned Student of the Month honors, gained entrance to the MCHS Hall of Fame, and was voted "Most Studious" by his peers; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his dedication within the classroom, Ryan Blankenship has given freely of his time to several clubs and service organizations, including the Key Club, the Beta Club, the Science Club, the National Honor Society, the varsity soccer team, the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC), the Armed Drill Team, and the Color Guard; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, Mr. Blankenship rendered sterling service as the Vice President of the Science Club and the Chairman of the National Honor Society's women's shelter toy drive; and

WHEREAS, displaying an impressive military acuity, he served as Assistant Squad Leader, Assistant Operations Officer, Operations Officer, Armed Drill Team Basic Platoon Commander, Armed Drill Team Exhibition Commander, and Commanding Officer and attended both Basic Leadership Training and the Leadership Academy. He plans to join the United States Navy after attending and graduating from college; and

WHEREAS, Ryan's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Ryan's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Blankenship's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2005 Millington Central High School Salutatorian, Ryan Douglas Blankenship, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.